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SEPTEMBER 25, 2003 MINUTES

The fifteenth meeting of the Los Angeles Regional Crime Laboratory Facility Authority was held September 25, 2003 at California State University Los Angeles, 5151 State University Drive, Student Union Building, Alhambra Room A & B, Los Angeles, CA 90032.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson William T Fujioka called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. The following Directors were present constituting a quorum of the Authority:

William T Fujioka, Chairperson, City Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles
David E. Janssen, Vice Chairperson, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Los Angeles
Dr. Steven N. Garcia, Vice President, Finance and Administration, California State University Los Angeles

APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2003 MINUTES

On motion of Director Janssen, seconded by Director Garcia, the Authority unanimously approved the June 26, 2003 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Fujioka reported that Sheriff Baca and Chief Bratton were unable to attend.

Chairperson Fujioka presented Ed Edelman with a plaque commending him for his contribution as project consultant and thanked him for securing the participation of all parties involved in this project.

STAFF REPORTS OF THE INTERNAL PLANNING UNIT

Status of Leases: Patrick J. Mallon, Project Coordinator, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, provided an update on the following actions:

- Full copies of the leases have been executed and copies will be provided to the Director's staff.
- The OCJP lease to the Joint Powers Authority is approved but will not be executed until the bond issue for the project is sold and the building is ready for occupancy.

Project Update: Jim Hall, Project Director, Jacobs Facilities Inc., reported:

- The remaining two quit claim items are on the agenda for the City of Los Angeles Council meeting. Once these two have been approved there is a 41 day waiting period before it is recorded and the ordinance becomes official. When this is accomplished, Charles Happy of California State University Los Angeles will pool everything together with Chicago Title and will present it to the State and the funds will be released to begin construction.
- The access compliance review, required prior to the State Fire Marshall signing off on the project, was initiated when Jacobs signed a contract with a Tustin consultant and will begin in two weeks. An ongoing review will be conducted and prior to the issuance of the documents a final check will be performed to ease any scheduling issues.
- The State Fire Marshall's inspection will be conducted locally.
- The boundary lines for the County and the City of Los Angeles are also the boundaries for the water companies serving these areas. Mr. Hall requested the Directors' assistance in determining who provides water and the data cable size.
- Jacobs is working with SBC to arrange data entry and communication for the lab.

Architectural & Engineering: Steven Moodie, Project Architect, Fields Devereaux Harley Ellis (FDHE), reported on the color scheme and provided samples of the materials that will be used for the exterior and interior of the building. He also reported that FDHE is maintaining the time schedule and has completed the equipment plan.

Operations Working Group: Gregory Matheson, Assistant Director, Scientific Investigation Division, Los Angeles Police Department, reported that the Group:

- Is focusing on daily operations cost of the facility and establishing a cost effective plan.
- Has reviewed industry norms to establish a rough format.
- Has representatives from the City, County and University IT groups discussing the wiring needs to avoid incurring any obsolescence prior to the completion of the facility.

Director Janssen requested the Operations Working Group provide a detailed report at the next meeting including the time frame of obtaining the equipment for the laboratory.

CALIFORNIA FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE

Rose Ochi, Executive Director, California Forensic Science Institute, reported that:

- The Institute administration approved William Fujioka's and Al Trembly's appointments to the Advisory Board and Joseph Wambaugh, noted author and former police officer, will be the guest speaker at the next Advisory Board meeting scheduled for October 10th.
- The television series CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) dedicated their fall premier to the Institute and established an endowment in the Institute's name.
- Rose Ochi, Executive Director, attended conference in Washington D.C. of the National Association of Crime Lab Directors and they plan to hold a forensic summit in the spring to bring public attention to the issues and for the federal government to provide the leadership and the resources to advance research and training.
- The \$750,000 grant is expected to be received before the end of the year.
- The California Forensic Science Institute was asked to be included in the report language of the Commerce Bill to create a national in-service training network. At the request of Senator Roybal the language was inserted in the Bill.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF A FUTURE MEETING)

Patrick Mallon, Project Coordinator, advised that at the next meeting the fifty percent construction documents will be presented requiring the Board's approval.

Chairperson Fujioka advised the Internal Planning Unit members to contact either him or Director Janssen immediately if waterline, communication wiring or related issues arise.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next Joint Powers Authority meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2003 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374-A, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.